

AS -- FIG. 5 shows an example method for playing the game. At 80 game participants may receive a game ticket. At 90, the game participants may select a drawing event. At 100, the drawing designation of the selected event may tell the game participants which panels to remove and play. At 110, the drawing designation may have the game participants remove all of the panels on the game ticket. At 120, the drawing designation may specify that only some of the panels should be removed. At 130, the game participant may remove the designated panels on the game ticket. At 140, the gaming authority may determine the population and number of the winning game pieces. At 150, the gaming authority may select the winning game pieces at 150. At 160, whether the game ticket is a winner may be determined. At 170, a prize may be awarded to a winning ticket. At 200, game participants with a losing ticket may decide whether to continue play. If the game participants elected to play again, at 210, an event may designate panels not previously uncovered. Then, the game participants may select another event at 90. If the game participants does not wish to continue play at 200 or if there is not an event which designated panels not previously uncovered at 210, the play may end at 190. If a prize is awarded at 170, the game participants may still elect to play again at 200.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Sub C/P Please cancel claims 2-13, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. (Amended) A universal lottery ticket, which can be used to participate in any one of a plurality of lottery-type drawing events, the ticket comprising:

a substrate, having an obverse and a reverse side;

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a plurality of playing game pieces, which are disposed on the obverse side of the lottery ticket in at least one array, the at least one array including a plurality of panels, the plurality of panels including a number of playing game pieces; and

a removable material having a surface, wherein the removable material is disposed over the plurality of playing game pieces so as to conceal the plurality of game pieces, wherein a plurality of unique indicia is disposed on the surface of the removable material so that the plurality of unique indicia corresponds to the plurality of panels;

instructions for using the lottery ticket in conjunction with a plurality of lottery-type drawing events, wherein the instructions are disposed on the reverse side of the ticket;

a playing life of the lottery ticket.

14. (Amended) A method of playing a lottery game, the game being played by a plurality of participants, each participant having at least one lottery ticket, said at least one lottery ticket comprising a plurality of concealed playing game pieces disposed in at least one array comprising a plurality of panels, the method comprising:

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selecting some but not all of the plurality of panels as a playing panel for each game;

revealing a plurality of playing game pieces disposed on the at least one lottery ticket, wherein said plurality of playing game pieces includes those concealed playing game pieces that are disposed beneath the selected plurality of panels;

randomly selecting a plurality of winning game pieces; and
determining whether any of the at least one lottery tickets is a winning lottery ticket.

26. (Amended) A lottery game, the game being played by a plurality of participants, the game comprising:

a plurality of lottery tickets, wherein each of said plurality of lottery tickets includes:

a substrate, having an obverse and a reverse side;

a plurality of playing game pieces, which are disposed on the obverse side of the lottery ticket in at least one array, the at least one array including a plurality of panels, the plurality of panels including a number of playing game pieces; and

a removable material, having a surface, that is disposed over so as to conceal the plurality of playing game pieces, wherein a plurality of unique indicia is disposed on the surface of the removable material so that the plurality of unique indicia corresponds to the plurality of panels;

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a drawing event designation;
a random selection device, wherein said random selection device
selects a plurality of winning game pieces.

Please insert the following new claims:

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34. (New) A method for playing a game of chance comprising:
receiving a game ticket, wherein the game ticket includes:
a substrate having an obverse and a reverse side;
a plurality of playing game pieces, which are disposed on the
obverse side in an array, the array including a plurality of panels, the plurality of
panels, the plurality of panels including a number of playing game pieces; and
a removable material having a surface that is disposed over
so as to conceal the plurality of playing game pieces, wherein the a plurality of
unique indicia is disposed on the surface of the removable material so that the
plurality of unique indicia corresponds to the plurality of panels;
receiving a drawing event designation, wherein the drawing event
designation includes a designation of the panels to be used in game play.
35. (New) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 34, wherein the
plurality of playing game pieces comprises a series of integers.
36. (New) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 34, wherein the
number of playing game pieces in the plurality of panels is at least three.

37. (New) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 36, wherein the number of playing game pieces in the plurality of panels is three.

38. (New) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 36, wherein the number of playing game pieces in the plurality of panels is four.

39. (New) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 34 further comprising:

revealing all of the plurality of playing game pieces disposed under a combination of playing panels, said combination of playing panels including some but not all of the plurality of panels, wherein said combination of playing panels is unique to each drawing event of a plurality of lottery-type drawing events.

40. (New) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 39, wherein all of the plurality of playing game pieces disposed in at least three of the plurality of panels are revealed.

41. (New) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 41, wherein the at least three of the plurality of panels are consecutive.

42. (New) The method for playing a game as, recited in claim 41, wherein all of the plurality of playing game pieces disposed in three of the plurality of panels are revealed.

43. (New) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 41, wherein all of the plurality of playing game pieces disposed in four of the plurality of panels are revealed.

44. (New) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 34, wherein one or more of the plurality of game pieces comprises a free space.

45. (New) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 34, the method further comprising:

Receiving instructions for using the game ticket in conjunction with any one of a plurality of lottery-type drawing events, wherein the instructions are disposed on the reverse side of the ticket;

providing a name of a lottery-type event on the game ticket;

providing a day of the week and time during which the lottery-type drawing event takes place;

providing an indicia of ownership and intellectual property rights of an owner or sponsor of the game;

indicating a playing life of the game ticket; and

providing a means for authenticating the game ticket.

46. (New) The method for playing a game as recited in claim 45, wherein providing the means for authenticating the game ticket is selected from a group consisting of:

concealing a validation symbol that is disposed on the game ticket, wherein the plurality of panels is associated with a unique verification symbol that is revealed along with the playing game pieces;

coding a validation symbol comprising a plurality of lines of varying thickness that can be read by a reader; wherein said coded validation symbol is unique to the game ticket; and

providing a batch control number.

47. (New) The method of claim 34 further comprising:

selecting a plurality of winning game pieces.

48. (New) The method of claim 34 further comprising:

awarding a prize based on the number of winning lines on the game ticket.

49. (New) A method for facilitating a game of chance comprising:

providing a game ticket, wherein the game ticket includes

a substrate, having an obverse and a reverse side;

a plurality of playing game pieces, which are disposed on the obverse side of the lottery ticket in an array, the array including a plurality of